

General Requirements

TRACES Requirement:

Turkey has notified USDA that they require all manufacturers/exporters of animal by-products (intended for purposes other than human consumption) to be listed in the European Union (EU)'s TRACES system. Consignments from facilities not listed on TRACES will be rejected. This means facilities must meet not only the requirements of the certificate required by Turkey but also the EU requirements for the exported commodity. Listing on TRACES does not necessarily mean that the relevant certificate required by Turkey is endorsable. For more information, including on how to become listed on TRACES (after verification of meeting pertinent EU requirements), exporters/manufacturers should contact their local [Veterinary Services service center](#).

The [list of facilities](#) currently on TRACES is available online (click on "[United States](#)" and then select the appropriate facility type under "Animal by-products" on the left on your screen).

Dates of Certificates:

Turkey recognizes the following periods of validity for export certificates for animal products:

- **Products shipped by air** – certificate(s) valid for 7 days from the date of endorsement
- **Products shipped by sea** – certificate(s) valid for 60 days from the date of endorsement

The Turkish Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock (MINFAL) will **not** permit the entry of commodities when accompanied by a health certificate endorsed after the date the Bill of Lading indicates the product was shipped. **Exporters are responsible for confirming prior to shipment that they have all certification required for the consignment.**

Control Certificates (Issued by the Government of Turkey):

The government of Turkey issues a "control certificate" to the importer of animal products for each lot of product shipped. While Turkey requires that the control certificate be issued by Turkey prior to product shipping from the United States, VS' understanding is that this requirement may not be consistently enforced. It is highly recommended that exporters **not** ship product until the Turkish importer has obtained the control certificate. However, Veterinary Services will not require verification of the control certificate prior to issuing export certificates. Our understanding is that once the

control certificate is issued, it is an indication that the product will be allowed to clear customs in Turkey. Product shipped without issuance of a control certificate could otherwise be subject to any new requirement(s) implemented by Turkey after the product has shipped. Turkey has confirmed that no US Government sanitary certificate is required prior to the issuance of the control certificate if the control certificate is issued prior to shipment. Our understanding is that in order to obtain the control certificate, Turkey requires the importer to agree to provide a valid health certificate.

Products Transiting Turkey:

Turkey requires shipments transiting Turkey to follow Turkish import requirements, including the requirement for certificates to be dated prior to shipment. The Turkish Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock (MINFAL) will detain shipments at the border if requirements are not met.